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1. On 7 December 1953, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Halle, was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 to 3,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and motor transport insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 1 December, about 100 recruits with carbines were seen in the barracks yard. On 4 December, about 200 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets entered the installation, while about 80 troops were lined up in the barracks yard. On 7 December, 4 trucks, occupied by about 15 troops, including [redacted] and towing [redacted] 2 x 57-mm AT guns, left the installation. 25X1

2. On 7 December, the Flak Kaserne in Woermritz was occupied to capacity by about 3,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia and, a few, black-bordered black epaulets. On 3 December, 80 troops practiced firing with carbines in the small training area and about 40 troops engaged in close combat training in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation.

3. At 6:30 p.m. on 25 November, about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage left the Halle railroad station toward Sangerhausen. 25X1

Comment. [redacted]

observed, the barracks installations are occupied as previously by the 21st Gds Mecz Div. The occupation figures are believed to be underestimated. The direction, in which the shipment left, tends to indicate that the troops were bound for the Lossa troop training grounds. 25X1

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